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**PATENT APPLICATION**

Our Docket No. 20030322.0RI

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re App : Edward Draper : October 30, 2006  
S.N. : 10/675,855 : Art Unit 3733  
Filed : September 25, 2003 : Examiner Mary C. Hoffman  
For : BONE FIXATED, ARTICULATED JOINT  
LOAD CONTROL DEVICE

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to an Official Action mailed August 30, 2006. That Action had a shortened-statutory period for response of one month so that a reply was due by September 30, 2006. Accordingly, a Petition for a one-month extension of time is submitted with the paper, together with an authorization for the required fee, so that the date for response is extended to October 30, 2006.

Kindly enter the following amendments: